

Young People in Church

For the very young.....

Ospringe Church has started a Crèche for pre-school children. It will run on the second Sunday of each month during the 11 o'clock communion service. All babies and children will be welcomed, and parents can be free to enjoy the service in peace! Any queries to Clare on 531044.

For Primary Ages.....

Painter's Forstal Sunday School

meets in the Champion Hall at 10.40am on 4th March and 1st April.

Eastling Sunday School meets in the Village Hall at 9.50am on 4th March, 18th March and 1st April

Ospringe Sunday School meets in the Parish Room during the 11am Service on 11th March.

For 10's and over.....

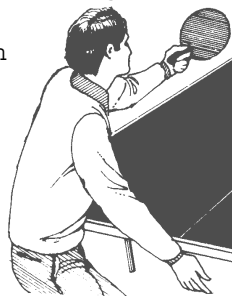
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New Millenium
Same old questions?
Is there more to life than this?
Do you have to be a rat to win the rat race?
What was the greatest thing before sliced bread?
Three score years and ten - what then?
For two thousand years it's been claimed one unique person has all the answers - and more. Except the one about sliced bread.
The Y Course. Coming soon.
Watch this space.

JUMBLE SALE
Friends of Eastling School
Jumble Sale
Saturday 10th March
2pm, School Hall

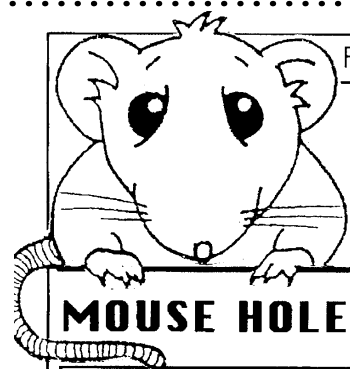
Teenage Youth Club

An interesting meeting was held on February 9th. Several young people came to meet Maurice, the new leader. Many good ideas concerning future activities were passed between them. The next meeting will be on March 2nd after 7.30pm for all interested teenagers.



8 - 12's Club

6.30 - 7.30 pm
50p per person
2nd March Crafts (if you took your unfinished glass home, please have it with you to complete)
16th March Games and Crafts
Note: with the Teenage Club starting we may have to begin at 6.15pm in future.



MOUSE HOLE

Have you ever been to a special service in a Cathedral?

A **Cathedral** is a large church building where people from many churches can meet together to worship God.



When Jesus was a boy people would meet together in a building called a **Synagogue**.



On special festival days everyone would go to worship God in the **Temple** at Jerusalem.

Read about Jesus' visit to the Temple in Luke 2:41-52

From my home in the church I learn about all sorts of things...

In Britain, over 150 years ago, the 4th Sunday of Lent became a special Sunday when servants were allowed a day off to go home to their families. Everyone met together to worship God at the main Parish or 'Mother' Church. This Sunday became known as 'Mothering Sunday'.

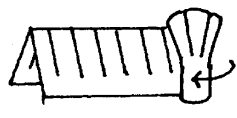
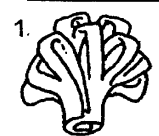


Today we still celebrate 'Mothering Sunday' as a family day...a day we say 'thank you' to our mothers and everyone who looks after us.

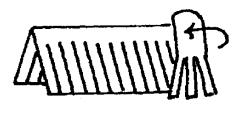


Say 'Thank You' with a flower card or posy.

Here are 2 different flowers to make using rectangles of tissue or thin paper.



Cut down along the folded edge about 1cm apart. Roll up and stick.



Cut up along the edge 5mm apart. Roll up and stick.

Stick the flower heads onto a card or attach to thin straws or sticks to make a posy.

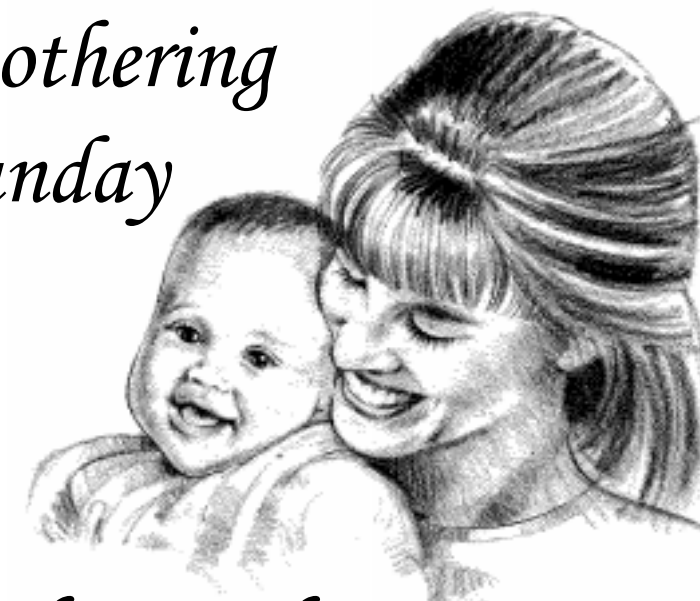


Lord, thank you for our families and the friends we meet at church.
AMEN

Good News

Parish Magazine March 2001

Mothering Sunday



25th March 2001

Whitehill Chapel

11am
People's Choice - bring your own favourite hymn or reading.

Mothering Sunday

Eastling
10am Family Service
4pm Shortened Evening Prayer

Mothering Sunday Stalisfield

11am Family Service

Mothering Sunday Service Ospringe

This will be a special service for Mothering Sunday at 11am, 45 minutes long with Communion.

Sunday Newstyle

Eastling Church
10.30am
Sunday 11th March

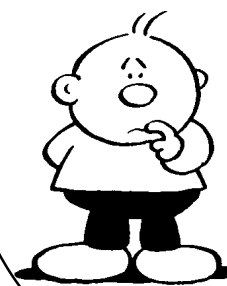
This month's speaker :
Rev. Donald Lugg

The theme is
How can I resist evil?

Come for coffee and croissants from 10am.

All ages welcome.

i seem to be able to resist everything but temptation...



Friday 2nd March Women's World Day of Prayer

1.30pm Davington (With Children's Room)
8pm R.C. Church, Tanner Street

Speaker at both services Mrs Rose Robinson
This year's service has been written by Christian women in Samoa

Lent 2001

Evening Prayer
Every Wednesday at 3pm in Ospringe Church

Lent Lunches

Open to everyone - proceeds to Christian Aid
Every Friday 12noon - 2pm
Alexander Centre, Faversham

Friends of Eastling School **Trivia and Tucker** Saturday 24th March, Village Hall
7pm for 7.30pm £6.00 per head, tables of 6; table reservations contact 890252

The news magazine for the combined parishes of Eastling, Ospringe, Stalisfield and Otterden

Why pray?

There are plenty of reasons. Here are some.

Recent studies suggest that people who pray are less prone to stress-related illness. There's a good reason, if you needed one. I heard it on Radio 4's Today (so it must be true!). But then if that's all you want then you might as well get a cat or a dog, because recent studies also suggest that people who regularly stroke their pets are less prone to stress.

We are made to pray. Here's a better reason. Augustine wrote that 'You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless till they find rest in you'. Prayer is part of the natural order. It is us in conversation with the Creator. And He rang us and left the message first. I find myself able to rest more easily when I unload things to God.

'There can be miracles, when you believe'. Many, many people can confirm that they have seen answers to prayer. Miraculous things are recorded in the Bible: lions' mouths were shut, waters parted, food was provided from nothing. Miracles are not confined to Biblical times either: people are healed today by the power of prayer. And it's amazing how many 'coincidences' happen when you pray: people's minds are changed, conversations take a new turn, opportunities arise.

Jesus felt the need. He was the model of a close relationship with God and the Gospels tell us He was constantly talking to His Father. Sometimes He just gave a quick word of thanks or asked for something in the heat of the moment. Sometimes He got up early (ugh) to spend a longer time talking to God. And when it came to His last days He was up all night in anguished conversation with His Father in anticipation of

His own death. Although in some ways Jesus and God were one, He felt it only natural to express how he was feeling in prayer.

Jesus told us to pray. He said (Matthew 6) to His disciples 'When you pray.' (not if). He also encouraged them (Luke 18) to persevere in prayer: answers are not always seen straight away. He gave us a pattern, or template, for our prayers: the Lord's Prayer.

Jesus has opened up the lines of communication. Hebrews 10 tells us that 'we can walk right up to God. Jesus has cleared the way.' Jesus has set up the e-mail account. Free and unlimited access. But He paid a high price for it Himself. He had to die on the cross; all so that we could come to God. We owe it to Him to take up the offer.

Mark Cheesman



Deanery Confirmation Service

Boughton Church 7.30pm
Tuesday 27th March 2001

Bishop Stephen will be conducting a Confirmation Service at Boughton Church at 7.30pm on Tuesday 27th March.

Candidates can be presented from any of the local churches in our Deanery. If anyone missed the Benefice Confirmation at Ospringe in November and would like to be involved, please contact the Revd. Penny Fenton as soon as possible. (536366)

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

I would like to thank all my local friends (Eastling, Newnham, Doddington, Otterden, Stalisfield - sorry if I have missed anyone!) for all your encouragement and support for my sponsored run at the end of January. Your very generous donations and contributions have helped me to raise the magnificent sum of £2,500 (or thereabouts) for the Mull and Iona Progressive Care Centre. So I am really thrilled. Don't forget, if you're ever up in the Western Isles, you can come and visit this very worthwhile project and see exactly where your money has gone.

Sarah Palmer

Prayer Pointers February 2001

Sundays That Lent may be a time for examining our priorities

Mondays Those facing temptation

Tuesdays Lenten activities in the Benefice

Wednesdays Ecumenical prayer and discussion groups

Thursdays Relief workers in disaster areas

Fridays Continued prayer for Israel

Saturdays Churches in the United States

FROM THE ORGAN SEAT

The pedal board has been refelted, in a red to match the Cardinal Red of our new kneelers. This job must last have been done over 50 years ago as all the felt that was left was well moth-eaten. The organ builder polished the pedal board so not only is it good but it looks good too! Thank you to the P.C.C. for agreeing to this being done. The pedal board is even better to play too! Do come and have a look.

It was a privilege to play for the Thanksgiving for the life of Major Arthur Simmons. The congregation sang well and it was good to play the organ at full throttle for "Praise my soul" and "Jerusalem". As you know I have been working on these! I was introduced to the Tank Corps Regimental March. It is two tunes, "My Boy Willie", a Worcestershire folk-tune and a French folk-tune, "Cadet Rouselle" from Cambrai as three battalions of Tank Corps won the Battle of Cambrai in 1916, soon after the Tank Corp was founded. The tanks were known as Big Willie and Little Willie in the First World War. The march sounded great on our organ. By coincidence Penny gave me a song book which belonged to her mother, so those of you who were taught by Mrs. Fenton could have sung it. "My Boy Willie" is very similar in tune to "Where have you been all the day my Billie Boy?".

God bless, Vicky Shepherd.

CHOIR REPORT

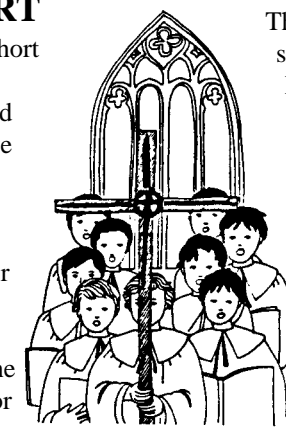
We will continue to have short Choir Practices before the Services on the 1st, and 2nd Sundays in March. We have had a good 10 minutes and the Church is warm!

The first Choir Pew Runner is on the Choir Pew, organ side, and it looks GREAT. Thank you Jan and to all the Choir who sewed a stitch or two and to Susan and our grandchildren who stitched the acorns.

Carolynne Brightman and I went on the Diocesan Day Conference on 24th January in the new Education Centre at Canterbury Cathedral. As well as meeting old friends we found the Conference very helpful and informative and in a delightful and thoroughly modern setting. Carolynne and I joined together for the session on the Eucharist taken by Rev. Howard Such of Borden then Carolynne went with the Group led by Rev. Tim Wilson of Cheriton on The Service of The Word and I joined the Group on Baptism led by Rev. Morgan-Jones of All Saints, Maidstone.

Ospringe People:

Pat Ross has won a prize from the Faversham Society with her slogan for our gem of a town. "Faversham, Kent's Hidden Treasure"



The whole Conference was started and concluded by Rev. Patrick Sales. The leaders were clear, positive and enthusiastic I came away knowing more about Common Worship, how it had evolved and where we are going. I e-mailed the organiser, Sarah Solley at Diocesan House, to thank her for a most rewarding Conference. The new Education Centre is an

excellent venue, all the up-to-date technology was there, it was warm and spacious and well organised. The Diocesan Liturgical Committee are putting on two more Conferences on Common Worship, so do go.

Faversham Choral are putting on "The Crucifixion" at St. Mary of Charity on Saturday, 7th April. Rehearsal in the afternoon, 3.30 p.m. and the performance with congregation at 7 p.m. I am hoping to take a good crowd from Ospringe.

God bless, Vicky Shepherd.

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Services in our Benefice

Friday 2nd March

Women's World Day of Prayer

1.30pm Davington With Children's Room
8pm R.C. Church, Tanner Street
Speaker at both services Mrs Rose Robinson

4th March 1st Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26. 1-11, Luke 4. 1-13

Ospringle	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	9.50am	Sunday School
Eastling	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringle	11am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Whitehill Chapel	10.40am	Sunday School + over 10's
Whitehill Chapel	11am	Family Service

Tuesday 6th March

Whitehill Chapel 2.15pm Communion Service

11th March 2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15. 1-12, 17-18, Luke 13. 31-55

Eastling	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Stalisfield	10am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Eastling	10.30am	Sunday Newstyle
Ospringle	11am	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringle	11am	Sunday School and Crêche

18th March 3rd Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 55. 1-9, Luke 13. 1-9

Ospringle	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	9.50am	Sunday School
Stalisfield	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
Eastling	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringle	11am	Family Service
Davington	6.30pm	Taizé Service

25th March Mothering Sunday

Eastling	10am	Family Service
Stalisfield	11am	Family Service
Ospringle	11am	Family Communion (CW)
Whitehill Chapel	11am	People's Choice
Eastling	4pm	Evening Prayer with Dedication of Seat.

1st April 5th Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43. 16-21, John 12. 1-8

Ospringle	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Eastling	9.50am	Sunday School
Eastling	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
Stalisfield	10am	Holy Communion (CW)
Ospringle	11am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
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Sharing Ministry in our Parishes

Priest in Charge	Reverend Penny Fenton	(01795 536366)
Curate (N.S.M.)	Reverend Patricia Pollard	(01795 535407)
Reader	Mr Hugh Perks	(01795 890603)
Reader in Training	Mr Norman Fowler	(01795 890412)
	4 Meesons Close, Eastling	

Churchwardens		
Ospringle	Mr N. Pollard.	(01795 535407)
	Mr G. Shepherd	
Eastling	Mrs H. Harlow	(01795 890338)
	Mr N. Fowler	(01795 890412)
Stalisfield	Mrs J. West	(01795 890285)
	Mrs H. Galer	(01795 890780)

Contacting the Church's staff

For general enquiries and for specific enquiries about Baptisms and Weddings, please telephone Faversham 536366. If you would like the parish clergy to conduct a funeral, either in our churches or elsewhere, please ask the funeral director to make the necessary arrangements.

FROM THE EDITOR

If you would like to submit articles, features or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, please send your magazine contribution by the 15th of the month preceding publication to the Editor, Mrs J. Fagg, Brownings Oast, Hansletts Lane, Faversham. ME13 0RS (e-mail: jill.fagg@quista.net)
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Funerals

29th January 2001 Cremation at Charing
Leo Arthur CROXTON
2nd February 2001 Cremation at Charing
Ursula KIRBY
9th February 2001 Cremation at Charing and
Thanksgiving Service at Ospringle
Arthur Ernest SIMMONS
12th February 2001 Funeral at Ospringle and
Burial at Love Lane
Allan John PHYTHIAN
22nd February 2001 Funeral at Ospringle and
Burial at Love Lane
John James SMITH

Remembering Mrs Rene Coultrip 1911 - 2000

In Eastling Church on Sunday 25th March at 4pm there will be a shortened Evening Prayer followed by the dedication of a garden bench bought in memory of Mrs Coultrip with money donated at her funeral.
Everyone welcome.

EASTLING VILLAGE HALL

Now's your chance to get involved and have a say in the running of Eastling Village Hall!

At the Trust's Annual General Meeting at 8.00 p.m. on Monday, 30th April 2001 in the Village Hall, nominations will be considered for election of two 'village representatives' to serve as Trustees. Nominees must be 18 years of age or over. Nomination forms (to be returned by 27th April) and further details are available from the Trust Secretary, Sue Parry, at Magnolia Cottage, Newnham Lane, Eastling (tel: 890254). Even if Trusteeship doesn't appeal, the Trustees are always looking for additional helpers. If you have a few hours to spare to do a bit of gardening or decorating at the Hall, please give Sue a ring.

John Edwards

Passed away February 15th 2001, aged 93.

Dear John

The lovely Otterden Estate
Was really his soul mate
He loved the trees and the flowers
Watched the birds for hours and hours.
The Blue Tits he used to feed
Will know where to come for their special needs
In the woods we shall stand and stare
And always imagine that he is there.

His Friends, Don & Betty.

The Late John Edwards - was probably the oldest inhabitant in the parish. He had worked for the Otterden Estate since June 1949, and so I feel it appropriate that I should write a short note in his memory:
John Edwards was a Lancastrian, educated at Manchester Grammar School, and Manchester University. He had intended to be a doctor, but somehow this did not work out, and so during the inter war years he worked at several jobs. Nevertheless, he retained a keen interest in all things medical, and I suspect that many people have reason to be grateful for his advice, certainly I am! During the Second World War, he served in the Royal Armoured Corp., being stationed at Halls Place where parts of the estate were under army requisition. He crossed with his Unit on D-Day, and saw service right through France, the Netherlands and Germany, up to V.E. Day 1945. During the final stages of the war, his unit was called upon to liberate at least one of the infamous Death Camps. By the time the British arrived, the main cause of death was not gas chambers but disease, especially typhus. After the war he returned to Kent and eventually came to us at Otterden. During the whole of this time he worked on forestry for which his love and

Neighbourhood Watch

Eastling Meeting

Local link persons for the Eastling Neighbourhood Watch are getting together on Wednesday 28 February. For more details, call Mrs Sue Parry on (01795) 890254.

For the Elderly or Infirm

Those who are elderly or infirm and live alone might find a new scheme by Swale Neighbourhood Watch of interest. Called "DataLink", it is designed to gather together vital information - such as personal details, next of kin, doctor's details, medical conditions and allergies - so it can be quickly found by the emergency services if an emergency occurs and the householder is unconscious or unable to speak for any reason. All the data is put in a tiny canister marked with a green cross and placed in the fridge door - not because it needs to be kept cold but because, under the scheme, this is the first place helpers will look. Some 10,000 canisters are currently being given out from surgeries, police stations and other outlets, free of charge.

Details of the scheme were recently circulated to all residents of Eastling and neighbouring parishes who have signed up for the free e-mail and fax Neighbourhood Watch Alerts scheme. Anyone who would like to receive this useful service should contact the organiser Brian Wimlett on (01795) 532747 or e-mail him at brian.wimlett@whitehill-intl.com ..

Eastling Parish Council

Council Meeting

The next Meeting of Eastling Parish Council is in Eastling Village Hall on Monday, 12 March at 8pm. Among the items on the Agenda will be a request by one villager to consider seeking mains drainage and a suggestion that "something should be done" to modify the "unattractive" colour of the street lighting at Glebe Cottages. Members of the public may attend all meetings of the Council to hear the proceedings.

Full Minutes of all meetings are published on the Eastling Village web site at <http://go.to/eastling> . For more information on the work of the Council, please contact the Parish Clerk, Mrs Sue Parry, on 01795 890254.

Swale Council Comes to Eastling
The Borough Council's influential Faversham Area Committee is coming to Eastling on Tuesday, 27 March. The meeting, in Eastling Village Hall, starts at 7pm. It is open to all members of the public and representatives of all parish councils in the area.

The first 30 minutes will be devoted to questions from the public, providing an excellent opportunity for villagers to raise concerns and ideas face-to-face with their elected representatives on Swale Council. For more information, call Swale Council on 01795 424341 and ask for the Committee Clerks section.

knowledge of nature, particularly suited him. He was always a vigorous opponent of any kind of sprays such as insecticides, again his medical knowledge and constant study gave him a well grounded opinion on such things.

He was not a follower of any particular religion, preferring to be regarded as an agnostic, in this respect he was much attracted to certain parts of the Apocrypha, particularly the second book of Ezdras, in which a conversation took place between the prophet Ezdras and the archangel Uriel, where the prophet asserts that he knows everything that is to be found on the earth, the archangel counters this with questions about the weight of the fire, the image of the voice and the bringing again of the day that is passed. This points to a link to things of both nature and of the spirit. John showed great interest in these and other aspects of eschatology. John Edwards, married twice, a son from the first marriage lived in Canada and predeceased him. He married secondly Chris Elvy, on April 30th 1955, she also predeceased him.

It remains for me to thank everybody who looked after him, independent though he was, in his latter days, in particular Mr. and Mrs. D. Eley and his two nieces Wendy and Heather Elvy. May he rest in peace.

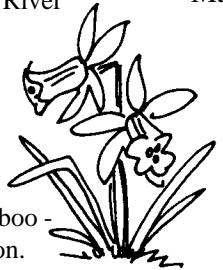
G.H.H.Wheler.

PAINTER'S FORSTAL with OSPRINGE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

March 20th, 2.15pm Champion Hall, Painter's Forstal
 Talk: History of the River Stour by Mr M Burton
 Competition: Photograph of a River

Painter's Forstal Gardener's Club

The meetings for **March** are:
Monday 12th A talk on Bamboo - Mr Neil Pearson.
Monday 19th A Neame Cup Quiz
 Wine & Wisdom Evening at Lower Hardres. Details on the 12th.
Saturday 31st Spring Show. Schedules are now available from John or Noreen. The annual Coffee Morning is on Saturday 2nd June. Please keep this date free, we need your support, plus friends, as this year 50% of takings will be going to Demelza House, to help with the re-vamping of the gardens.
 Further details from Fav. 533608



AFTERNOON CLUB

Our best wishes are sent to Mrs Nan Sbarra and Mrs Sally Mitchem, both having been in hospital. Get well soon.
 Activities for March

March 1st Board Games
 March 15th Bingo
 March 29th A.G.M.

Rodney 536424

CHARING & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

On Thursday 8th March John Sell will give a talk entitled COBHAM HALL: THE BUILDING, ITS HISTORY AND REPAIR. The presentation will be given in the Parish Hall, Charing, at 8pm. Everyone who is interested will be welcomed when the doors open at 7.45. Non-members of the Society pay £1.
 It is hoped that a visit to Cobham during the famous bulb-flowering season can be arranged.

Ospringe School Association

A very enjoyable evening was had at the 70's disco. Some stupendous costumes made the front page of the Faversham News as well as making over £100 for the school. The next fund raising event is the Race Night on May 12th, further details next month.
 I am sure a lot of people wonder what all this fundraising is for. Well, it all gets spent on items for the school and/or the pupils. The latest initiative is play equipment for the children. The Infants now have a wonderful range of items for their small play area developed in the school-house grounds, and now we are purchasing items for the older children to play with at lunchtimes. Old favourites such as skipping ropes and hoops, plus many other items will hopefully make lunchtime play equally energetic but less boisterous!
 The OSA has also undertaken supplying the school uniform in the future. Teaming up with a specialist supplier we will initially be selling sweatshirts and sweatcardi's, extending the range to polo shirts and other items in the summer.

Jill Fagg

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

On 3rd January at 12 noon, we held our annual Wave of Prayer, which goes around the world.

Each year we follow a set service of prayers, hymns, lighting of candles and the placing of flags on a map which indicate our link with the dioceses of Losotho, Bermuda, Cyanguu, Philippines and Kebbi.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 28th February, 2001 at 2.00 p.m. at Church.
 Carol

Having a Party?

Planning a Wedding?
Venue for your Club
 Hall and smaller rooms available with kitchen facilities at **Eastling Village Hall.**
 For more information please contact Mary Eagleton on 890436.

Eastling Horticultural Society

More Than Apples
 Members of Eastling Horticultural Society were given an insight into the work of the Brogdale Horticultural Trust when Eastling resident Mrs Marian Bellerby was guest speaker at their February meeting.

Kent Federation

If any member of the Horticultural Society would like to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Kent Federation of Horticultural Societies at Hawkhurst on Friday, 16 March, please could they contact Harold Wyld on 01795 890413.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Eastling Horticultural Society is in Eastling Village Hall on Thursday, 8 March at 8pm, when Mr Terrance Gilbert will be giving a talk on "The Shakers". Admission is £1 for members and £3 for visitors. Further details of membership are available from the Treasurer and Membership Secretary Mrs Helen Abell on (01795) 890482.

OSPRINGE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday, 14th March at 7.30pm in Whitehill Chapel.

Parish Video

Orders for a copy of Ospringe Parish Video are still being taken. Please phone the Clerk on 01795 890519.
 Jill Seaman
 Clerk to the Council

EASTLING and PAINTERS FORSTAL PLAYGROUPS

Many thanks to those who supported the recent Jumble Sale - £127 was raised to help towards the insurance premium.

EASTER RAFFLE tickets will be on sale from 19th March with the draw to take place at our Open Morning and Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday 5th April at Eastling Village Hall. More details to follow.



The COFFEE MORNING at Painters Forstal will be held on Monday 2nd April, 9.30 -11.25am, when all parents, relatives and friends and younger children are welcome. The children will be making Easter Bunnies and Chocolate Nests for everyone. Do please join us at both fundraising events.
 Any enquiries to Jill Seaman, 01795 890519.

CALLING ALL MAD MARCH HARES AND EASTER BUNNIES

There will be a Coffee Morning at Eastling Village Hall on Saturday 7th April at 10.30am, in aid of CLIC (Cancer and Leukaemia in Children). Easter Egg Hunt for the under 5's, Cake Stall, Children's clothes and Books (nice not jumble), Raffle, Decorated Egg and Easter Bonnet competitions, plants, flowers and pretty cards. Please come and have some fun while helping to raise money for this very important children's charity.



For further information (and offers of help!) please ring Sarah Palmer on 01795 890232.

Wine and Wisdom Saturday 7th April 7.30pm

Eastling Village Hall
 To help with the Village Hall funds. Cost is £4.00 per person, food and wine included. Tables of six can be booked by ringing Norman on 890242.

OSPRINGE CHURCH 200 Club

You contribute £1 a month for at least one year and you could win a prize in our monthly draw. Contact Carol or Stuart Marshall on 537873 for more details. The winning numbers for the February draw were:
 1st : 1, 2nd : 55, 3rd : 45.

Can you help?

THE MAISON DIEU in Ospringe will be opening on Good Friday 13th April, for the 2001 season. Much repair work has been carried out during the last year to this historic and beautiful property, and we are now looking forward to our normal 6 months of welcoming visitors on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays, from 2 - 5 p.m.

This year we are really in need of **more volunteers to steward the building** during opening hours. This is not an onerous job but a very necessary one and, remember, a welcoming smile can make all the difference to the enjoyment of our visitors. If anyone feels they could help, even if only for a few afternoons during the six-month season, it would be greatly appreciated. Please ring Gene Regan on 01795 532135 for more information. A meeting (coffee included) for those interested, together with present stewards, will be held in the Maison Dieu, Water Lane, on Saturday 24th March at 10.30 a.m.

Faversham Music Club presents **Ken and Rachel Bartels**

Both outstanding musicians in their own right, the Bartels have formed an exciting flute and harp duo on **Thursday 15th March 2001, 8pm** Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Abbey Place, Faversham
 Tickets:£8 on the door or tel. 01795 537239.

BARN DANCE June 30th 2001

At THE BARN, PAINTER'S FARM (by kind permission of Doris Knowler)
 Book this date in your diary now!

Diary March 2001

1st Afternoon Club (Board Games) 2pm	Champion Hall	24th Maison Dieu meeting	10.30am	Maison Dieu.
2nd Lent Lunches 12noon - 2pm	Alexander Centre	24th Trivia & Tucker	7.30pm	Eastling Village Hall
2nd 8 -12's Club 6.30pm	Champion Hall	27th Confirmation Service	7.30pm	Boughton Church
2nd Youth Club 7.30pm	Champion Hall	27th Faversham Area Committee	7pm	Eastling Village Hall
8th History Society 7.45pm	Charing Parish Hall	29th Afternoon Club A.G.M.	2pm	Champion Hall
8th Horticultural Society 8pm	Eastling Village Hall	31st Gardeners' Club Spring Show		
10th FOES Jumble Sale 2pm	Eastling School Hall	APRIL		
12th Gardeners' Club 7.45pm	Champion Hall	1st Eastling Church Council A.G.M.	11am	Eastling Church
12th Eastling Parish Council 8pm	Village Hall	2nd Coffee Morning 9.30 - 11.25am		Champion Hall
13th Study/discussion group 8pm	Newhouse Farm, Eastling	5th Open Morning & Egg Hunt		Eastling Village Hall
14th Bishop Stephen visiting our Benefice.		7th Coffee Morning 10.30am		Eastling Village Hall
14th Ospringe Parish Council 7.30pm	Whitehill Chapel	7th Easter Egg Hunt		Ospringe School
15th DEADLINE for April Good News		7th "The Crucifixion" 7pm		St. Mary of Charity
15th Afternoon Club (Bingo) 2pm	Champion Hall	7th Wine and Wisdom 7.30pm		Eastling Village Hall
15th Flute & Harp Duo 8pm	Queen Elizabeth's School	30th Hall Trustees AGM 8pm		Eastling Village Hall
16th 8 -12's Club 6.30pm	Champion Hall	MAY		
20th Women's Institute 2.15pm	Champion Hall	12th Race Night		Ospringe School